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1. On 15 April 1950 the Ministry of Communications took over the Sovromtransport (SRT) Shipyard of Braila, and renamed it the 1 May Naval Shipyard. It then transferred the yard to the Ministry of Metallurgy and Chemical Industry. The new director was Iosif Stan and Melisaratos Panait was made the chief engineer. A month later a new director was named, Gheorghe Codreanu, former director of the 7 November Shipyard in Galati.
2. The Ministry of Metallurgy and Chemical Industry set out to organize the 1 May Shipyard on a system of Soviet organization. Victor Folenov, a former carpenter, was named administrative director. Other technical, administrative, and political offices were given to workmen. The unqualified personnel brought disorder to the organization and the Party has overall control of the workers. The directors along with the Secretary-General of the Party, and the Chief of Cadre hold daily meetings in which they decide whom to denounce, eliminate, degrade, and replace.
3. The following construction has been carried out at the Sovromtransport Shipyard in Braila:
 - a. By 1 April 1950 the Braila Shipyard completed a lighter of 1,000 tons, two fishing vessels, and 20 wooden shallow draft craft for the Danube-Black Sea Canal.
 - b. In 1950 the 1 May Factory received a new order for five 1,000 ton petroleum tankers. In the meantime it completed three 1,000 ton lighters, seven fishing vessels, and one petroleum tanker.
 - c. Presently under construction are five 1,000 ton tankers scheduled for completion sometime in 1951. The Five Year Plan sees the construction of petroleum tankers and about sixteen to twenty fishing vessels per year. The costs for these ships is deducted from the reparations owed by Rumania to the Soviet Union.
 - d. Three dredges are now under construction.

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- c. On 1 November 1950 a compressor of 30 cubic meters per minute began operation.
4. The problem today is the formation of technical specialists and qualified workers required to execute planned projects. For this purpose personnel are recruited from the villages and sent to training schools.

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